



Agenda Item Number: 2009-3-10F

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: March 17, 2009

Department: County Managers **Staff Contacts:** Thaddeus Lucero, County Manager
Julie M. Baca, Deputy County Manager for
Community Services

TITLE: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grants

ACTION: Motion to approve Administrative Resolution AR -2009 authorizing the County Manager to execute grant applications for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant unless the grant requires ongoing County financial obligation.

SUMMARY:

Approval of this action is required immediately to ensure deadlines are met, since these grants are extremely competitive. For example, the Housing Department is applying for the neighborhood stabilization program. This program is to assist communities that have been affected by foreclosure and abandoned properties. The application to apply for the grant was not available until March 16, 2009. There are ten counties that have been established as priorities by HUD and MFA; Bernalillo County is in the top three. Funds are based on a first come first serve basis. The funds are open to private and public entities which include non-profit groups, developers, realtors, lenders, and other municipalities.

Several "incentive" grants include:

- Child support – for states to collect child support payments owed to families; represents a temporary two-year fix of the federal child support incentive match previously repealed in DRA of 2005
- Unemployment compensation modernization – funds awarded if state unemployment laws conform to Section 2003 of ARRA
- Health information technology – for states to reimburse eligible Medicaid providers for the cost of qualified electronic health recorded (EHR) purchases, implementation and certain operation costs
- Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 – per student fiscal effort
- Temporary assistance for needy families – for increases in case loads, expenditures relation to non-recurrent short-term benefits or expenditures for subsidized employment
- Stabilization Funds – that make significant progress on certain assurances, and the following items: state strategies to help struggling students meet state academic proficiency targets, and achievement and high school graduation rates as defined by ESEA and the new Title I regulations.
- Teacher incentive fund – for states and school districts to develop and implement innovative principal and teacher compensation models to support recruitment and retention efforts in high-need schools and subjects.

FISCAL IMPACT

Provides economic stimulus to communities through Bernalillo County.

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

All grant applications will be reviewed insuring that Bernalillo County will not have future financial obligations for future funding. I recommend Board approval TL 03/16/09

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

Approval of this item will insure that Bernalillo County is not left out on potential funding opportunities. I recommend Board approval. JMB 03/16/2009

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR FINANCE

Funding received through ARRA Grants will be budgeted as soon as possible so that the stimulus can take effect immediately in our community. DJM 03/16/09

LEGAL

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency